Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 26 Jul 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 27 Jul 2024

Forecast Issued on Thursday 25 Jul 2024 at 12:16 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for a mixture of showers and bright or sunny spells over the next few days. The extent of low cloud is uncertain, as is the occurrence of any thunderstorms. Lower confidence into next week.

Headline for Friday 26 Jul 2024: A mixture of sharp showers and bright/sunny spells on Friday. Breezy and chilly at height.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 26 Jul 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
High Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Fog	Fog	Mist	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	20%	30%	50%	70%	30%	10%

Forecast for Friday 26 Jul 2024

Weather: Early hill fog may be slow to clear in the west, particularly around Ben Alder, so expect some poor visibility here until mid morning. Otherwise, the day will be bright with sunny spells along with an increasing risk of sharp showers. Thunderstorms are possible. Showers fading into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 40% in the west at first, otherwise 80%.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive above 600-800m in the west through morning, but this will lift reliably to leave most slopes fog free through the day. However, sharp showers will obscure nearby slopes and bring some cloud to munro level but this should be fairly shortlived.

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Forecast for Friday 26 Jul 2024

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	22/29 W	22/29 W	24/32 SW	18/26 W	18/27 SW	19/28 SW	16/23 W	14/20 SW	14/21 SW
900	20/26 SW	20/26 SW	22/28 SW	18/24 SW	17/25 SW	18/25 SW	14/20 SW	12/16 SW	13/17 SW
600	14/20 SW	13/20 SW	15/22 SW	14/22 SW	14/22 SW	14/21 SW	11/17 SW	7/12 SW	8/14 SW
300	8/18 SW	7/17 SW	9/19 SW	10/21 SW	11/21 SW	9/18 SW	7/14 SW	4/10 SW	4/11 SW
Glen	2/13 SW	2/14 SW	4/15 SW	6/17 SW	6/18 SW	5/16 W	4/12 SW	2/10 SW	2/11 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	3/-3	3/-3	3/-3	5/-0	6/2	6/1	6/1	4/-1	3/-2
900	6/1	6/1	6/1	8/4	9/6	9/6	9/5	7/4	6/2
600	8/5	8/5	8/5	10/8	12/9	12/9	11/9	9/8	8/6
300	10/8	10/8	11/9	14/12	16/14	15/13	13/12	11/10	9/8
Glen	10/10	10/9	11/9	15/13	16/14	16/15	15/14	12/11	10/9
Freezing Level*	1900m	1800m	1800m	1800m	1900m	2000m	1900m	1800m	1800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note the 'feels like' temperature above munro level is close to freezing. Best conditions east of the A9.

Forecast for Saturday 27 Jul 2024
Weather: A fine, bright morning will give way to a few scattered shower interspersed with periods of sunshine. Showers likely to be less heavy than previous days and will fade more quickly into the evening to leave some late sunshine.

Maximum wind: Southwest veering west 15-25mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low cloud and visibility: Low cloud expected to be confined to any heavier showers and this may descend to munro level temporarily. Away from showers, excellent visibility is expected.

Temperature: **Glens:** 10 Celsius rising to 15-17 Celsius.
At 800m: 6 Celsius rising to 10 Celsius.
Freezing level: Well above summits.

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